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Washington, D.C. 20505

National Intelligence Council

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence
FROM: H. F. Hutchinson, Jr.
Acting Chairman
SUBJECT: Publication of National Estimates

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1. Since 1981, custom rather than formal agreement has dictated that National Estimates be afforded first priority in the CIA printing process. The DI/CPAS usually turns the NIC items out in a timely manner, but I believe that it may be time to renew this understanding among you, the NIC, and CPAS.

2. As a starting point, I suggest that you consider an arrangement that emphasizes a two to three day turn-around for fast-track products and a somewhat similar treatment for executive summaries of major estimates in the familiar "white cover format." The NIC would also request expeditious handling of regular-track SNIES, short NIES, DCI Special Assessments, Joint Net Assessments, and the first volume of longer major estimates. Other products could proceed at a more deliberate pace.

4. I am available to discuss this issue at your convenience.

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